



## **2006 WESTERN RUSSIA & SIBERIA FOREST, MILL & INDUSTRY TOUR**

The last five years have seen explosive growth in Russia's log, lumber and plywood exports. The forestry and wood products manufacturing sector of Western Russia and Siberia have grown dramatically. Here is an opportunity to get the real story on current developments and issues in Western Russia and Siberia by being there and seeing it for yourself and making your own contacts! **We are pleased to offer three tour options:**



- 1) A one-week tour in Western (European) Russia of forestry and wood products manufacturing plants. Tour will consist of visiting exporting companies in the States of Karelia and Arkhangel'sk.
- 2) A one-week tour in Siberia (Central Russia) of forestry and wood products manufacturing plants in the Irkutsk Oblast: the center of the Siberian red pine lumber and remanufacturing industry.
- 3) A combined two-week tour of forestry and wood product manufacturing plants in Western Russia (Karelia and Arkhangel'sk) and Siberia (Irkutsk Oblast).

**Tentative Schedule: September 16-30, 2006**  
Offered as either Two 1-Week Tours or a Complete 2-Week Tour

### **WEEK 1 – Western (European) Russia: Sunday, Sept. 17 to Saturday, Sept 23**

Tour Participants will meet in St. Petersburg on Saturday Sept 16. From St. Petersburg the tour will travel to the Republic of Karelia, the Vologda region and then on the Arkhangel'sk region in the far north. The regions visited feature some of the largest sawmills in Russia with most of them exporting to the Baltic States, Europe and the USA. The tour will also include some of the highest quality birch plywood mills that are exporting to major global plywood markets. The tour will include some remanufacturing plants as well as visits to the forests and logging operations. The Week 1 tour will finish in Moscow on Saturday, Sept. 23.

### **WEEK 2 – Central Siberia: Sunday, Sept. 24 to Saturday, Sept 30**

The second week of the tour will begin in Irkutsk, Siberia on Sunday, Sept. 24. The Week 1 tour will end in Moscow on Saturday, September 23 and the Week 2 tour participants will meet either in Moscow on September 23 or in Irkutsk on September 24. Visits will be made to the major red pine producing regions in Irkutsk, Ust Ilimsk and Bratsk. The focus will be on a variety of softwood sawmills, (including the largest sawmill in Russia and the largest joint venture Russian-Japanese sawmill in Russia) and forestry operations. The Week 2 tour will finish in Irkutsk on Saturday Sept. 30.

Selected round table meetings are planned with senior government and industry officials on both tours. These meetings will provide opportunities for tour participants to ask questions about the development of the forestry and wood processing industry in Russia and establish high level personal contacts for future reference.

**An all-inclusive price will include:**

- All ground & air transportation for the tour from start to end (start/end in St. Petersburg/Moscow; start/end in Irkutsk; or start in St. Petersburg/end in Irkutsk) including possible helicopter tours;
- Selected helicopter and lake cruise tours;
- All hotels & meals in the field during the one or two week tour;
- All Russian taxes (including the 26% hotel tax);
- Translators, a complete planned itinerary and briefing notes on the host companies;

The tour Leader is Gerry Van Leeuwen of International WOOD MARKETS Group. This will be Gerry's third Russian Tour – previous tours were conducted in 2004 (Siberia) and 2005 (the Russian Far East & Northern China). Gerry has traveled extensively in Russia since 2002 and is one of the most knowledgeable individuals on Russia's wood products industry, including its opportunities and constraints.

The tour group size will be limited to a maximum of 20 people to ensure that the group is not too large. **As a result, participation will be limited to the first 20 people that register their immediate interest and provide a 50% non-refundable deposit.**

- All participants are responsible for their own airfare and arrangements to either St. Petersburg, Moscow or Irkutsk, Siberia and for the return from Moscow or Irkutsk, Siberia (Available flight times & dates will be provided as well as assistance in obtaining a Russian Visa.)
- Translation services for English/Russian will be provided.
- **Tour will be limited to a maximum of 20 Participants - Availability is on a First-Come, First-Served Basis on Receipt of 50% Deposit.** Final payment will be due June 30, 2006.

**Total Tour Price:**

<b>1 WEEK:</b>	<b>US\$5,750 per person (plus 7% GST for Canadian participants).</b>
<b>2 WEEKS:</b>	<b>US\$9,850 per person (plus 7% GST for Canadian Participants).)</b>

A cut-off date of June 30, 2006 is required for two reasons:

1. To organize the tour properly with appointments and all logistics.
2. To allow adequate time to obtain Russian Visas. Up to 4 to 5 weeks may be required to obtain Visas for Russia, depending on nationality and need for an invitation from a Russian company .

☐ **YES! Please reserve my spot on this tour. Bill me a 50% deposit, or US\$2,875 for a 1 week trip, or US\$4,925 for a 2 week trip (+7% GST for Canadian firms).**

**The 50% balance of the tour payment must be received by June 30, 2006 to ensure a spot on the tour. Space is limited to the first 20 paid participants.**

Name		Signature
Title		Company
Mailing Address		
City	State/Prov/Country	Zip/Postal Code
Phone	Fax	E-mail

☐ **YES! Please contact me for my input or suggestions for your planned tour of Russia**

*Note: If this tour does not go ahead, all advance payments will be refunded.*

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